

Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities  
Minutes of July 11, 2006

**Members in Attendance**

Keith Willette  
Jerry Berrier  
Barbara Smith  
Loretta Henry  
Moirra Miller

**Town Liason Report**

Dan Morgado stated the electrical work for the automated doors at Town Hall have been suspended until an electrician is available to do the installation.

**Member Discussion**

Keith Willette stated he received an e-mail from Robin Miller and Jackie Samalis, town residents concerning accessible playgrounds for wheelchairs. Jerry Berrier stated that this has been an ongoing issue concerning Dean Park in Shrewsbury in the past and has previously been addressed by the Commission. Dan Morgado stated he has spoken with Angela Snell, Dir. Parks and Recreation concerning this issue and concluded that Dean Park has already received many improvements and perhaps another park located in Shrewsbury may be a better location to address wheelchair accessibility for playgrounds. Mr. Morgado has agreed to meet with parents concerning this issue and then discussing the possibility with Mr. Perrault, Town Engineer.

Mr. Willette also received an inquiry from Ms. Miller about the availability of housing vouchers for the disabled community within Shrewsbury. He stated this isn't an issue that the Commission addresses and referred her to the local Housing Authority and the Town Manager.

Keith Willette also stated that a Fall Forum on Disability issues is going to be scheduled for sometime in October 2006 at the Presentation Room at Shrewsbury High School. A date will be confirmed at the next Commission meeting along with an agenda.

Mr. Willette stated he has confirmed presenters for the Support Services. Barbara Smith will confirm Ellen Meyers, Director of Special Education for Shrewsbury Schools. Moira Miller stated Angela Snell will have Ginny Davidson, a member of the Board of Directors for the Special Needs Parks and Recreation, do a presentation about the Shrewsbury program. Also, Colin Davidson, a Special Olympics Athlete and Global Messenger will also do a presentation. Further discussions were held concerning the Forum's format, other agenda items and a Key Note Speaker

Mr. Willette confirmed that the Shrewsbury Postmaster has received the Commission letter regarding accessibility at the Maple Avenue office and he will be in communication with the Commission.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A at Town Hall.

Loretta Henry motioned to adjourn at 7:45 pm and Jerry Berrier seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Barbara Smith